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| P2SC-ROB-WR-233<br>- 20140908<br>Weekly report #233         | <b>P2SC Weekly report</b>   |  |
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## 1. Science

### Solar & Space weather events

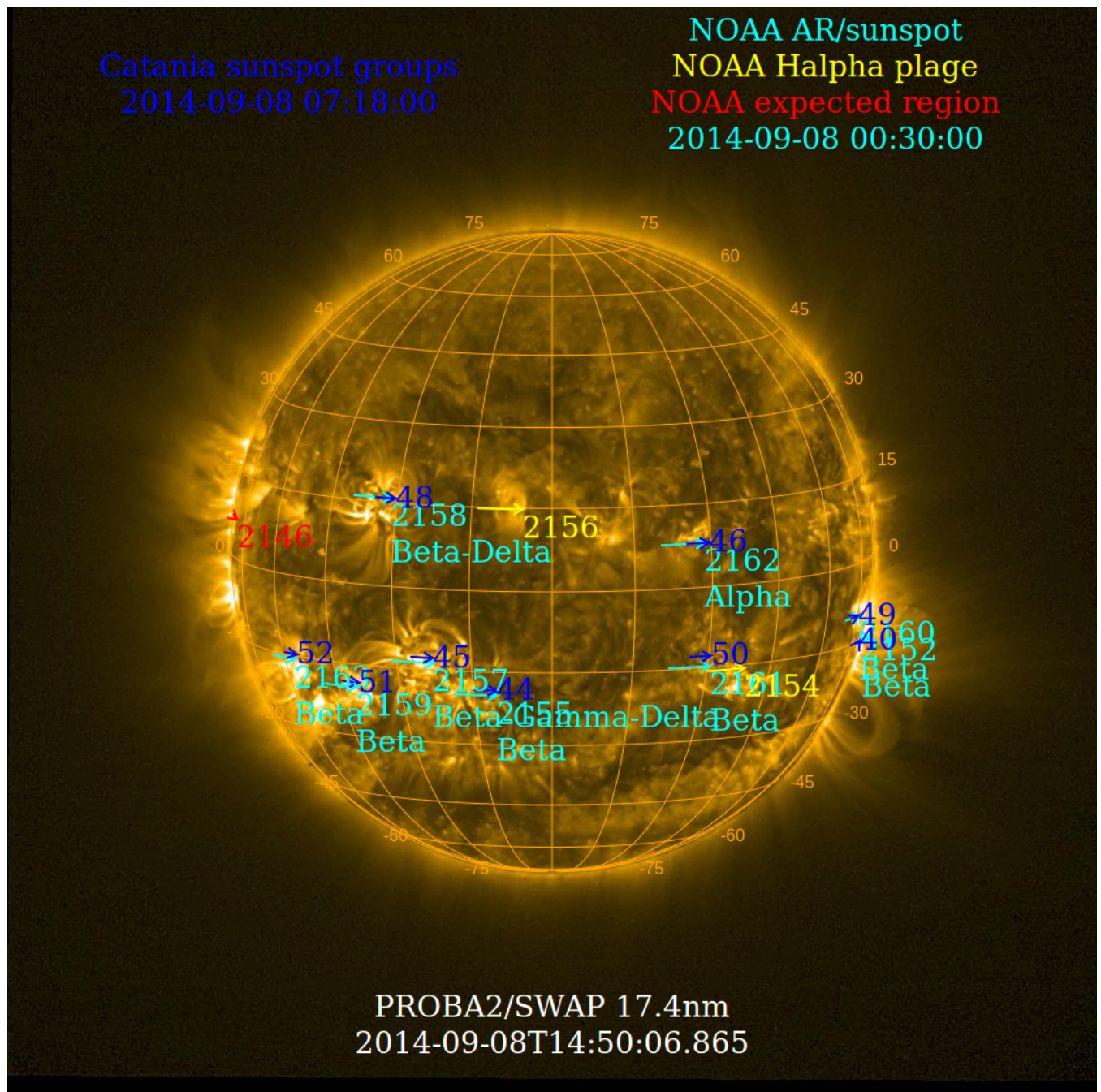
The level of solar activity<sup>1</sup> fluctuated between **low** and **high** this week.

Only M- and X-flares are mentioned, the most energetic one(s) per day are presented in **bold**:

|          | Monday<br>08 Sep  | Tuesday<br>09 Sep | Wednesday<br>10 Sep | Thursday<br>11 Sep                     | Friday<br>12 Sep | Saturday<br>13 Sep | Sunday<br>14 Sep  |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Activity | moderate          | low               | high                | moderate                               | low              | low                | moderate          |
| Flares   | <b>M4.5@00:29</b> | -                 | <b>X1.6@17:45</b>   | <b>M1.4@21:26</b><br><b>M2.1@15:26</b> | -                | -                  | <b>M1.5@02:16</b> |

<sup>1</sup> See appendix. All timings are given in UT.

The SWAP images of Sep 08 and Sep 14 are shown below, with annotated active regions.

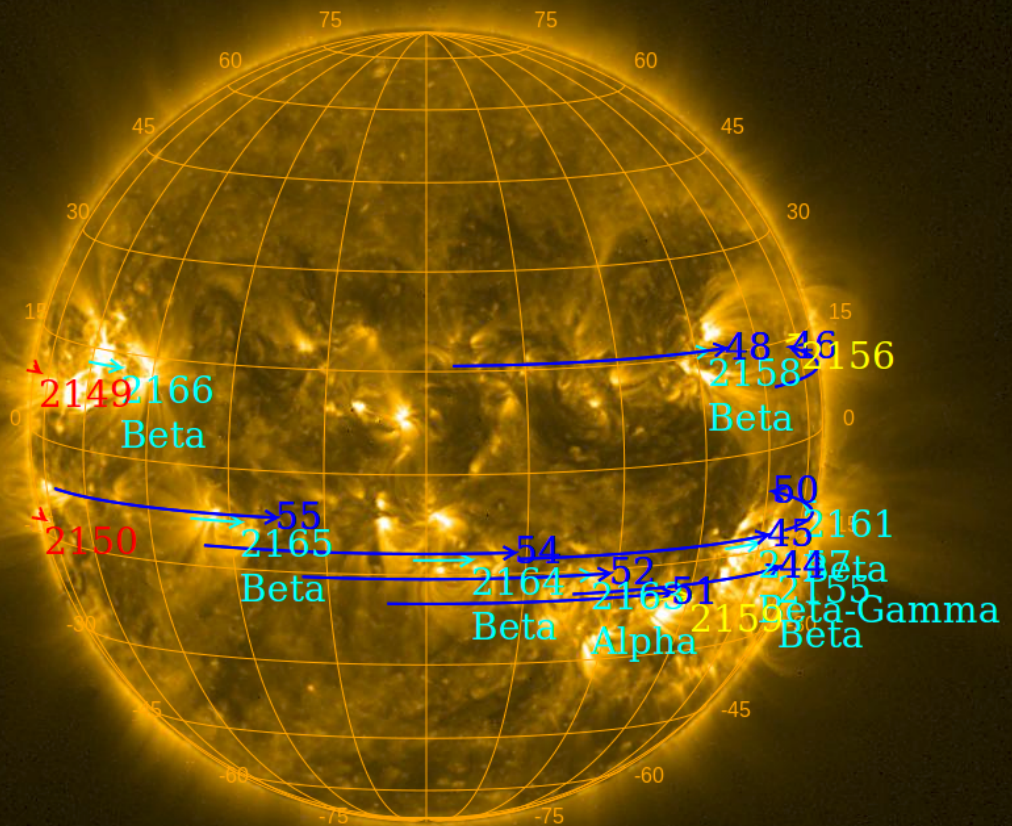


<http://sidc.be/soteria/soteria.php>



Catania sunspot groups  
2014-09-11 07:18:00

NOAA AR/sunspot  
NOAA Halpha plage  
NOAA expected region  
2014-09-14 00:30:00



PROBA2/SWAP 17.4nm  
2014-09-14T14:53:47.623

## **Solar Activity**

Solar flare activity fluctuated between low and moderate during the week.

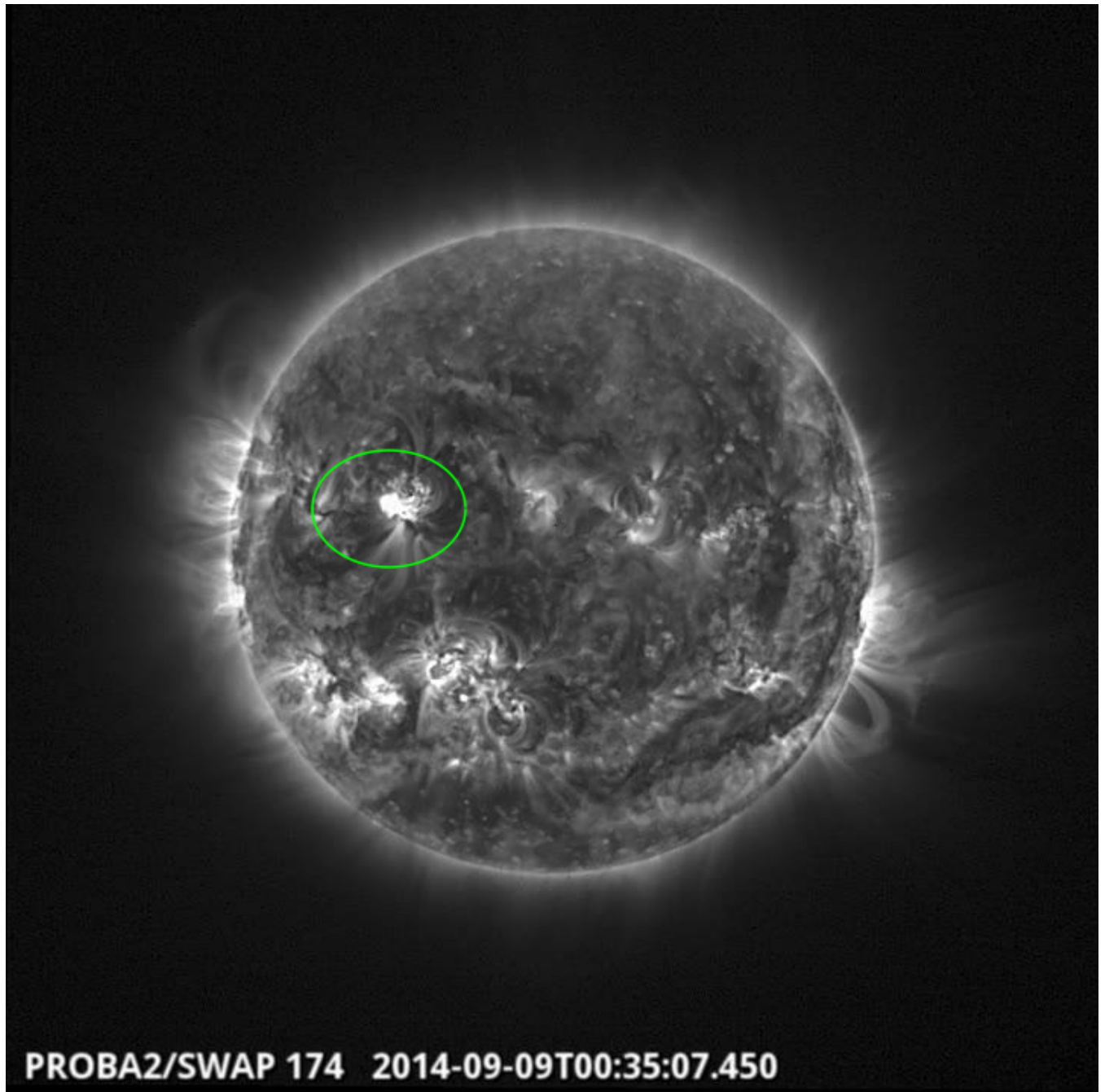
In order to view the activity of this week in more detail, we suggest to go to the following website from which all the daily (normal and difference) movies can be accessed: <http://proba2.oma.be/ssa>

This page also lists the recorded flaring events.

A weekly overview movie can be found [here](#) (SWAP week 233).

Details about some of this week's events, can be found further below.

Tuesday Sep 09



**M class flare and dimming @ 00:35 - SWAP image**  
Find a movie of the events [here](#) (SWAP movie)

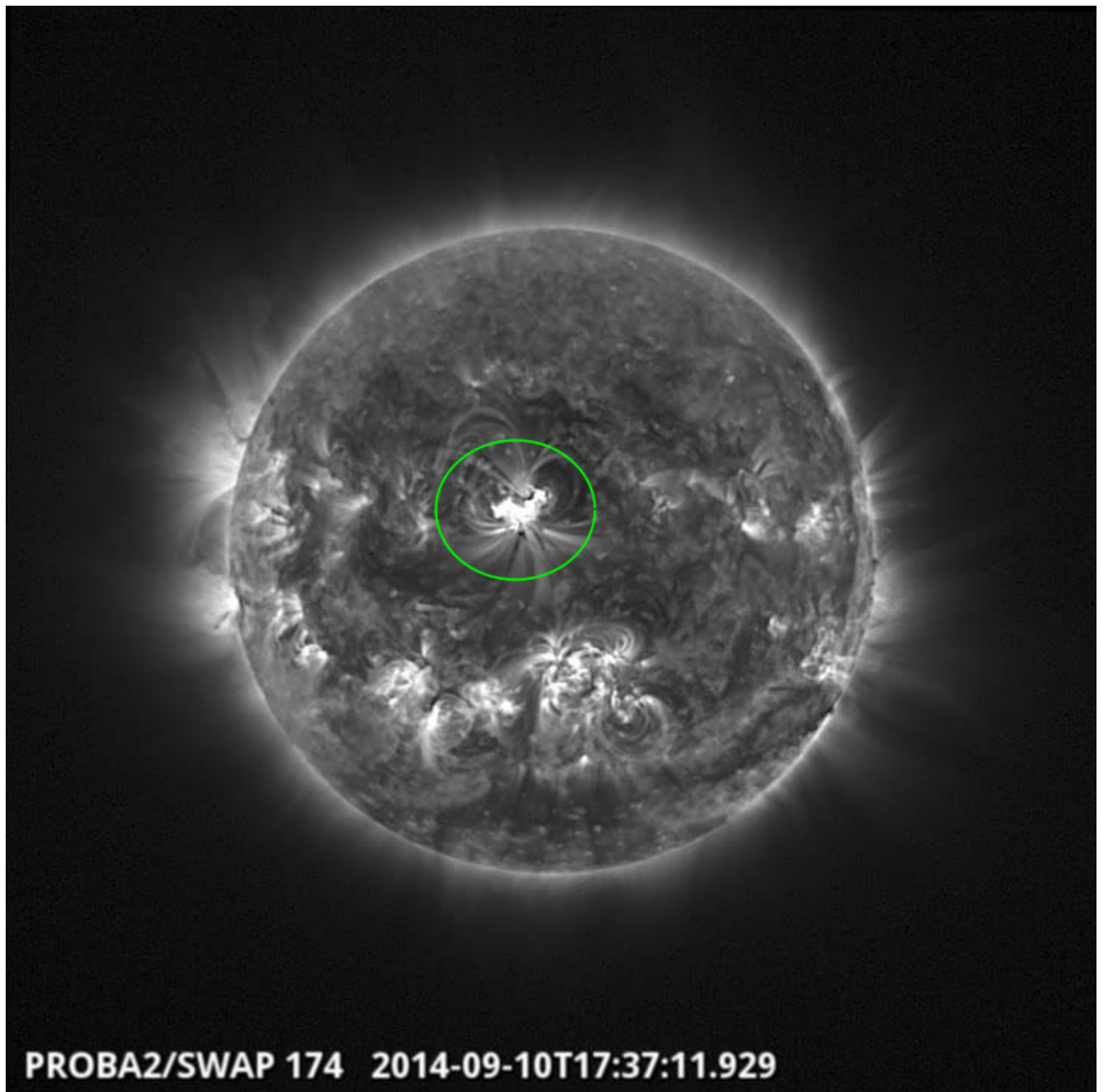
Wednesday Sep 10



**Eruption on the west limb @ 01:50 - SWAP difference image**

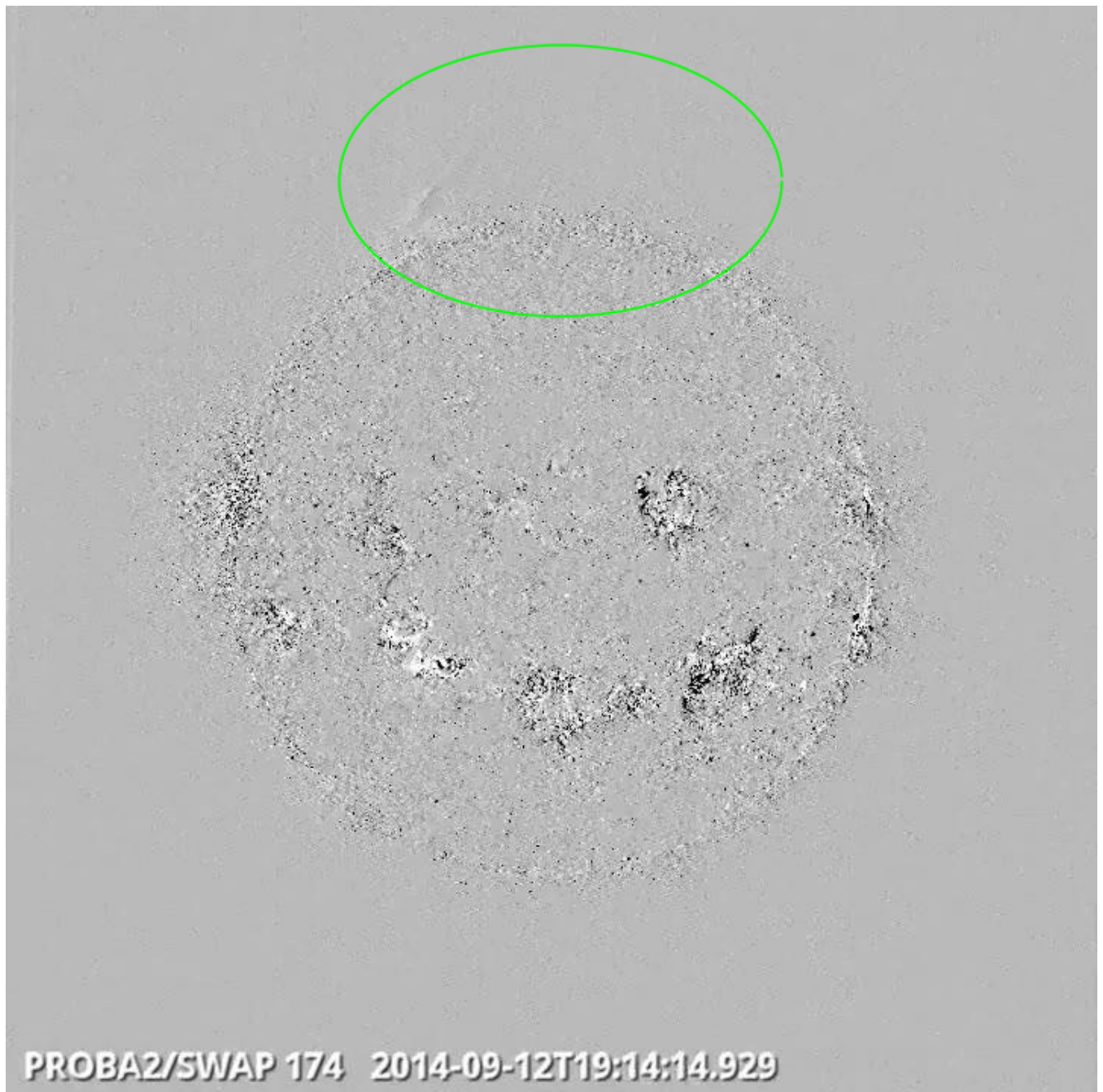
Find a movie of the event [here](#) (SWAP difference movie)





**X class flare and EIT wave in the Sun centre @ 17:37 - SWAP image**  
Find a movie of the event [here](#) (SWAP movie)

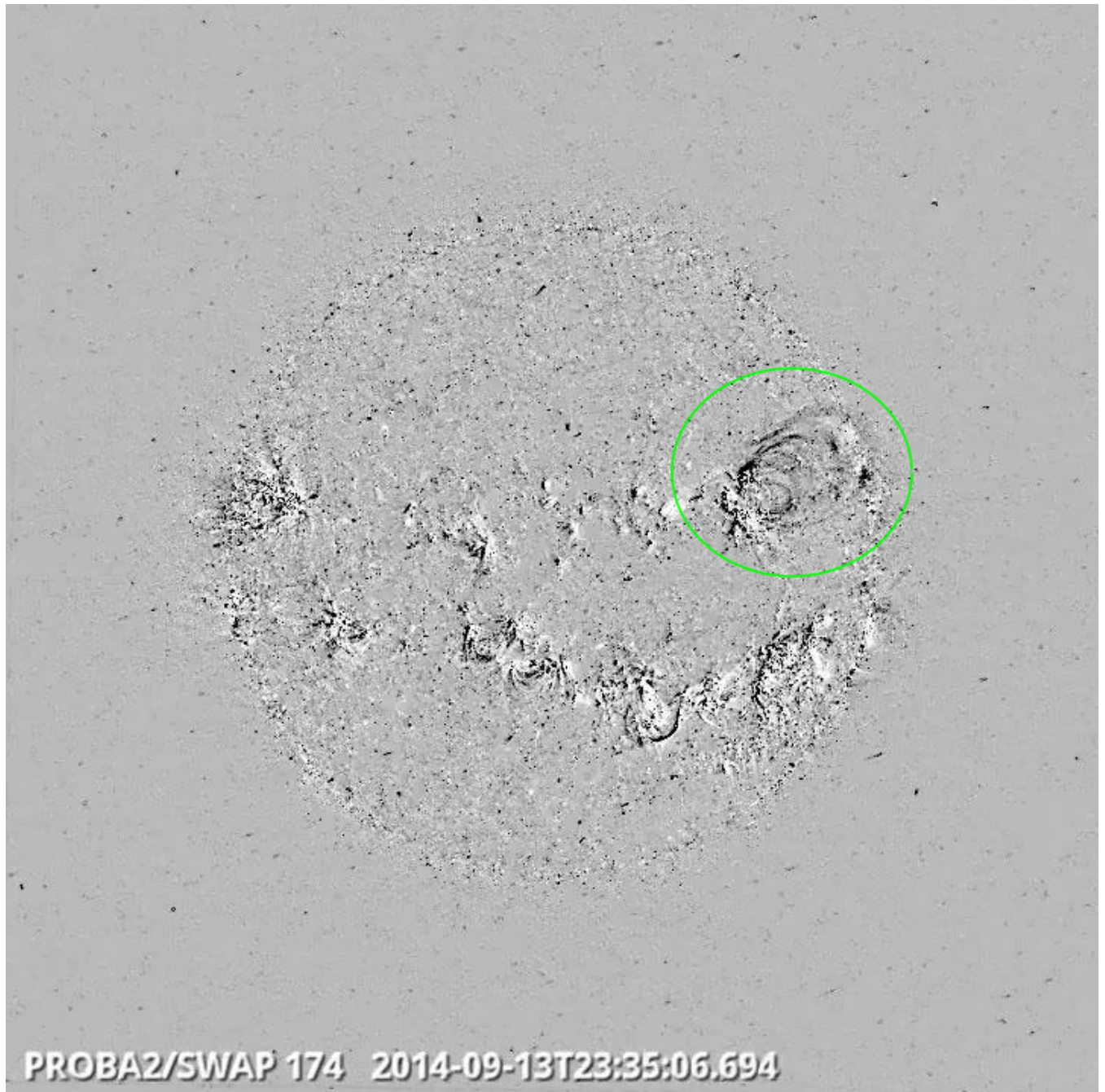
Friday Sep 12



**Eruption on the far side of the Sun @ 19:14 - SWAP difference image**  
Find a movie of the event [here](#) (SWAP difference movie)



Saturday Sep 13



**Eruption on the north west quad @ 23:35 - SWAP difference image**

Find a movie of the event [here](#) (SWAP difference movie)

Sunday Sep 14



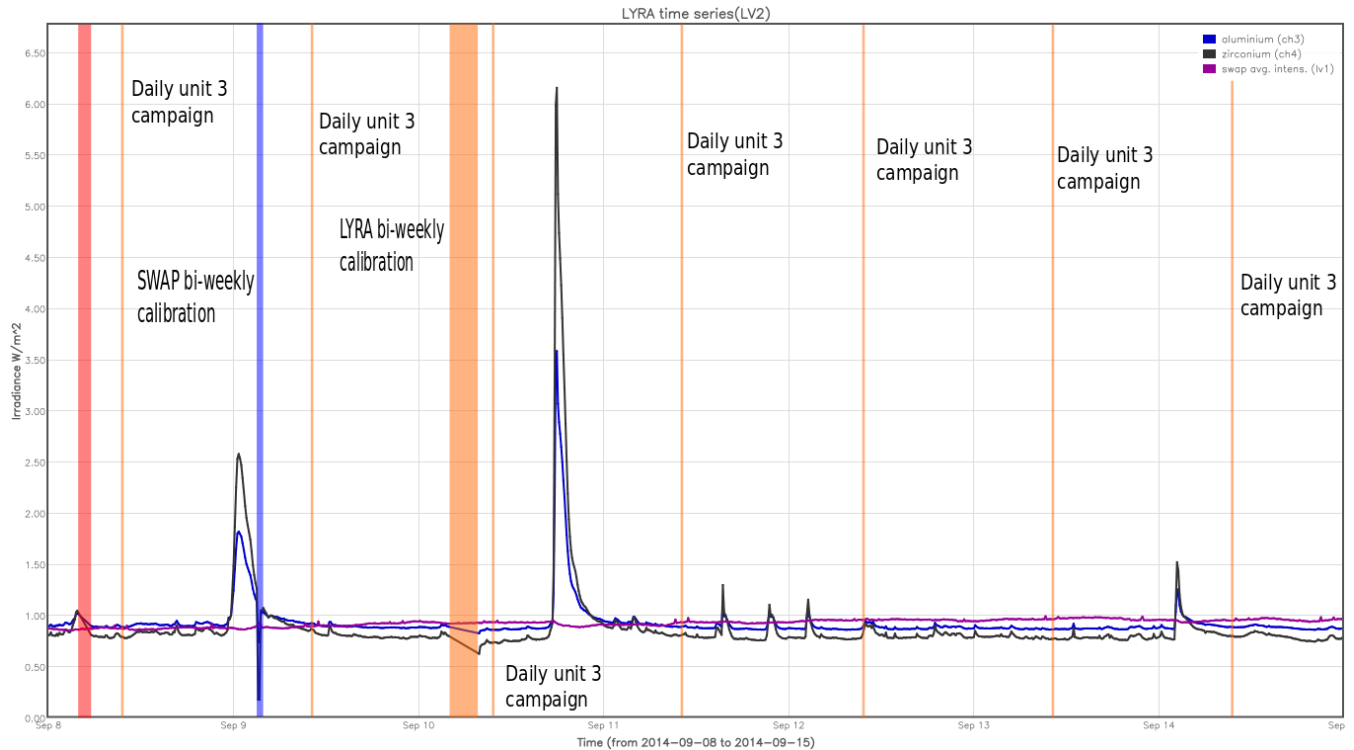
**Eruption on the south west quad @ 02:26 - SWAP difference image**

Find a movie of the event [here](#) (SWAP difference movie)

An overview of the weekly LYRA & SWAP data is provided below:

The following curves are visible:

- black: Zirconium Channel LYRA Unit 2
- blue: Aluminium Channel of LYRA Unit 2
- purple: SWAVINT (SWAP Average Intensity; integrated solar intensity per SWAP image pixel )



The blue shaded periods correspond to, from left to right:

- bi-weekly calibration

The orange shaded periods correspond to, from left to right:

- daily unit 3 campaign, two times
- bi-weekly calibration
- daily unit 3 campaign, five times

The red shaded period corresponds to:

- A data gap in the LYRA data

The data gap between 2014-Sep-08T03:53:38Z and 2014-Sep-08T05:30:30Z is caused by weak signal stability between the satellite and the antenna during pass 15175



## **Outreach, papers, presentations, etc.**

Please consult <http://proba2.oma.be/science/publications> for a list of interesting articles using SWAP & LYRA data, as well as a link to the complete article list.

The science section of this weekly report is also published in the weekly STCE newsletter (<http://www.stce.be/newsletter/newsletter.php>).

Nine presentations concerning PROBA2 were presented at the European Space Physics Meeting 2014 2014 September 08 – 12:

- Magdalenic, J. et al. presented "Type III radio bursts observed with LOFAR and Nancay radioheliograph "
- D'Huys et al. presented "Observational Characteristics of CMEs without Low Coronal Signatures"
- Ryan, D.F. et al presented "New Flare Detection Algorithm And Flare List for PROBA2/LYRA"
- West M. J. et al presented "Evolution and Dynamics of a failed eruption: Analysis from Multi-instrument Observations"
- Seaton, D.B. presented "Solar cycle 24 and the large-Scale evolution of the EUV corona"
- Rachmueler et al. presented "A Hybrid Double-streamer/Pseudostreamer"
- Bonte et al. presented "Analysis of dynamic events detected by SoFAST in SWAP EUV images"
- Vansintjan, R., et al. "A study of successive EUV waves in PROBA2/SWAP observations"
- Dominique, M., et al presented "High-frequency quasi-periodic pulsations in solar flares, as observed by PROBA2/LYRA"

## **Guest Investigator Program**

- None

## 2. LYRA instrument status

### Calibration

Calibration campaign on Wednesday this week.

### IOS & operations

| Monday<br>08 Sep                     | Tuesday<br>09 Sep                    | Wednesday<br>10 Sep  | Thursday<br>11 Sep                   | Friday<br>12 Sep                     | Saturday<br>13 Sep                   | Sunday<br>14 Sep                     |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>daily U3 | Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>daily U3 | Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>daily U3 +<br>bi-weekly<br>calibration | Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>daily U3 | Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>daily U3 | Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>daily U3 | Nominal<br>acquisition +<br>daily U3 |
| LYIOS00417                           | LYIOS00417                           | LYIOS00417   | LYIOS00417                           | LYIOS00417                           | LYIOS00417                           | LYIOS00417                           |

The following science campaigns were performed by LYRA:

- daily U3 observations campaign
- bi-weekly calibration

### LYRA detector temperature

LYRA detector 2 temperature globally varied between 46.3 and 48.5 °C, taking into account the daily U3 activation periods and the bi-weekly calibration.

### 3. SWAP instrument status

#### Calibration

Calibration campaign on Tuesday this week.

#### MCPM errors

The number of MCPM recoverable errors increased from 21739 to 21904.

The number of MCPM unrecoverable errors remained at 1657.

#### IOS & operations

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|------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Nominal<br>acquisition | Nominal<br>acquisition + bi<br>weekly<br>calibration | Nominal<br>acquisition | Nominal<br>acquisition | Nominal<br>acquisition | Nominal<br>acquisition | Nominal<br>acquisition |
| IOS00536<br>542 images | IOS00536<br>676 images                               | IOS00536<br>662 images | IOS00536<br>665 images | IOS00536<br>650 images | IOS00536<br>602 images | IOS00536<br>589 images |

Special operations for SWAP, this week:

- bi-weekly calibration

#### SWAP detector temperature

The SWAP Cold Finger Temperature globally varied between -1 and -0.16 °C.



#### **4. PROBA2 Science Center Status**

The main operator is Robbe Vansintjan.

The following changes were made to the P2SC:

- None.

## **5. Data reception & discussions with MOC**

### **Passes**

The delivery of the passes for this week (passes 15173 to 15235) was nominal, except for:

- None.

### **Data coverage HK**

All HK data files (LYRA\_AD) have been received, except:

- None.

### **Data coverage SWAP**

All SWAP Science data files (BINSWAP) have been received, except:

- None.

Total number of images between 2014 Sep 08 0UT and 2014 Sep 15 0UT: 4458

Highest cadence in this period: 30 seconds

Average cadence in this period: 135.64 seconds

Number of image gaps larger than 300 seconds: 1

Largest data gap: 6.50 minutes

### **Data coverage LYRA**

All LYRA Science data files (BINLYRA) have been received, except:

- 15175

## 6. APPENDIX: Frequently used acronyms

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| ADPMS   | Advanced Data and Power Management System                 |
| AOCS    | Attitude and Orbit Control System                         |
| APS     | Active Pixel image Sensor                                 |
| ASIC    | Application Specific Integrated Circuit                   |
| BBE     | Base Band Equipment                                       |
| CME     | Coronal Mass Ejection                                     |
| COGEX   | Cool Gas Generator Experiment                             |
| CRC     | Cyclic Redundancy Check                                   |
| ESP     | Experimental Solar Panel                                  |
| FITS    | Flexible Image Transport System                           |
| FOV     | Field Of View FPA Focal Plane Assembly                    |
| FPGA    | Field Programmable Gate Arrays                            |
| GPS     | Global Positioning System                                 |
| HK      | Housekeeping  |
| IOS     | Instrument Operations Sheet                               |
| LED     | Light Emitting Diode                                      |
| LYRA    | LYman alpha RAdiometer                                    |
| LYTMR   | LYRA Telemetry Reformatter (software module of P2SC)      |
| LYEDG   | LYRA Engineering Data Generator (software module of P2SC) |
| MCPM    | Mass Memory, Compression and Packetisation Module         |
| MOC     | Mission Operation Center                                  |
| NDR     | Non Destructive Readout                                   |
| OBSW    | On board Software   |
| PI      | Principal Investigator                                    |
| P2SC    | PROBA2 Science Center                                     |
| ROB     | Royal Observatory of Belgium                              |
| SAA     | South Atlantic Anomaly                                    |
| SEU     | Single Event Upset  |
| SWAP    | Sun Watcher using APS detector and image Processing       |
| SWAVINT | SWAP AVerage INTensity                                    |
| SWBSDG  | SWAP Base Science Data Generator                          |
| SWEDG   | SWAP Engineering Data Generator (software module of P2SC) |
| SWTMR   | SWAP Telemetry Reformatter (software module of P2SC)      |
| TBC     | To Be Confirmed   |
| TBD     | To Be Defined   |
| TC      | Telecommand   |
| UTC     | Coordinated Universal Time                                |
| UV      | Ultraviolet   |
| VFC     | Voltage to Frequency Converter                            |



## **7. APPENDIX Solar Activity Definitions**

In the science section we use the following solar activity standards.

The standard scale for solar activity is:

- very low (almost no flares, only B)
- low (a few C flares)
- moderate (many C flares and at least an M flare)
- high (several M flares and an X flare)
- very high (continuous background of C flares, numerous M flares, more than one X flare)